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E.O.11652: GDS  
TAGS: EEC, IXF, IS, PEPR  
SUBJ: POSSIBLE EC STATEMENT ON MIDDLE EAST

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1. AFTER SOME INITIAL SUCCESS USING PERSONAL DIPLOMACY  
TO SHORE UP RELATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, THE  
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GOI APPEARS ONCE AGAIN TO BE FACING ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF  
WHAT IS PERCEIVES AS AN EROSION OF EUROPEAN EVENHANDED-  
NESS IN THE REGION. SADAT'S PEACE CAMPAIGN COMBINED  
WITH ISRAELI SENSITIVITIES TOWARD ANY FORM OF EUROPEAN  
MEDDLING IN THE AREA LED JERUSALEM, IN THE FACE OF WHAT  
IS FEARED WAS BACKSLIDING ON THE PART OF EUROPE, TO EM-  
BARK ON AN INFORMATION CAMPAIGN OF ITS OWN. THIS CAM-

PAIGN INCLUDED A SERIES OF MINISTERIAL VISITS: BEGIN'S VISIT TO BRITAIN AND HIS STOPOVERS IN LONDON AND GENEVA, YADIN'S TRIP TO BRITAIN, DAYAN'S VISIT TO THE FRG AND ITALY, AND EHRLICH'S VISIT TO VIENNA.

2. IN SPITE OF THESE DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVES, NEW TENSIONS HAVE DEVELOPED IN THE RELATIONSHIP. SOME OF THE BETTER PUBLICIZED CRACKS HAVE INCLUDED THE FRANCO-GERMAN ARMS SALE TO SYRIA WHICH LED MANY ISRAELIS TO QUESTION THE "SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP" WITH BONN; THE VISIT TO ISRAEL BY PRIME MINISTER THORN OF LUXEMBOURG WHO WAS SUBJECTED TO A BARRAGE OF CRITICISM BY BEGIN; THE NOTE FROM BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SIMONET TO FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN WHICH CALLED FOR WITHDRAWAL TO THE '67 LINES AND RECOGNITION OF THE PALESTINIANS RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION; AND DAYAN'S CRITICISM OF THE EEC (PARTICULARLY BRITAIN, DENMARK, AND IRELAND) FOR RAISING THE TARIFF RATES ON ISRAELI CITRUS. ISRAEL'S PERCEPTION OF THE NINE HAS NONETHELESS REMAINED GENERALLY FAVORABLE IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS DUE IN PART TO THE FACT THAT THE NINE HAVE ABSTAINED FROM ISSUING PROVOCATIVE STATEMENTS WHICH COULD PROMPT THE ARABS TO UP THE ANTE AT THIS DELICATE JUNCTURE.

3. ANY EUROPEAN STATEMENT CRITICAL OF ISRAEL WHICH MIGHT BE ISSUED AT THIS TIME WHEN ISRAEL IS TRYING TO  
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REESTABLISH DIRECT CONTACTS WITH EGYPT WOULD BE SEEN HERE AS GRATUITOUS AND WOULD SERVE TO CONFIRM LATENT ISRAELI SUSPICIONS AND FEARS OF TRUE EUROPEAN MOTIVES. SUCH A STATEMENT COULD ALSO HAVE THE EFFECT OF UNDERMINING IMPROVEMENTS IN RELATIONS NOTED ABOVE AND ISRAELI ACQUIESCENCE TO FRENCH INVOLVEMENT IN LEBANON PEACEKEEPING (SEPTEL). ISRAEL IS AWARE OF EUROPEAN PRESSURES AND CONSTRAINTS AND IS NOT OUT TO EMBARK ON A COLLISION COURSE WITH THE NINE AT A TIME WHEN THE GOI IS ATTEMPTING TO EXPAND CONTACTS AND SOLICIT SUPPORT. WITH FEARS OF DIVERGENCE BETWEEN U.S. AND ISRAELI POLICIES, ISRAEL WILL BE LOOKING FOR ALLIES ON THE PEACE FRONT, BUT JERUSALEM IS NOT LIKELY TO ACCEPT CRITICISM FROM THE COMMUNITY.  
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